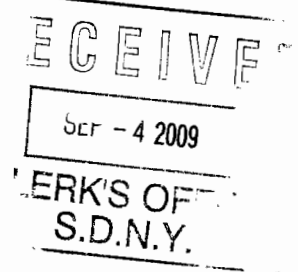


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Re: *The Authors Guild, Inc. et al v. Google Inc.*, Case No. 05 CV 8136 (S.D.N.Y.).

Dear Office of the Clerk:

My name is Jürgen Kleidt, and I am Director General of the Hirmer Verlag, a book publisher located in Munich, Germany. Hirmer Verlag is a member of the settlement class embraced by the proposed settlement agreement that is before this Court in this action (the "Settlement Agreement"), because it owns rights in books that are protected by U.S. copyright law. We write to object to the Settlement Agreement. We do not have the resources to provide this Court with legal briefing regarding our objections nor do we wish to burden this Court with duplicative filings. We therefore join in the objections that have been presented to this Court by Scott Gant and the group of foreign publishers and publishing associations that includes the Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels and others, for the reasons presented to this Court by those individuals and entities. We present this letter to this Court in English, for the Court's convenience and it was translated for us.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Jürgen Kleidt
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